Oblon, Spivak, et al. New CONT Application

Inv: Takashi YAMADA, et al.

Preliminary Amendment

Remarks:

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and

following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 are canceled; and Claims 29-48 are newly added herewith. The subject

matter of Claim 29 corresponds to the canceled subject matter of Claim 5 in parent

application serial number 09/995,594. Claim 35 corresponds to an amended version of Claim

14 of parent application serial number 09/995,594. Support for the remaining newly added

claims may be found, for example, at page 32, line 26 - page 33, line 5, page 32, line 26 -

page 33, line 5 and page 30, line 21 - page 31, line 3. Additionally, the specification has been

amended to amend the title and to include U.S. priority application information. It is

respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is

respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and

favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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